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Memorandum

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THRU : IRS/L, USIA - H. Roth Newpher
FROM : IRS/L, USIA - L. King Quan

DATE: October 8, 1962

SUBJECT: 1. Reorganization of the Committee for the Procurement of Foreign Publications.
2. The Size and Scope of our Foreign Procurement Program.

In response to your inquiry as to whether there should be a committee for the procurement of foreign publications to replace PROCIB, we wish to inform you that we feel strongly that there is a need for such an organization. It is our opinion that this committee can serve a useful purpose as a clearing house for the exchange of views and information among government agencies interested in the procurement of foreign publications. We feel that this committee should be set up under the auspices of CIA and composed of members which made up the membership of PROCIB.

Our expenditures for the procurement of foreign publications have been rather modest. For the fiscal year 1962 we spent \$3,100 on foreign books (782 titles); \$4,000 on foreign magazines (616 titles); and \$5,600 on foreign newspapers (355 titles). These publications are obtained mainly through two sources: (1) our overseas posts, both USIA and INR/FP, and (2) representatives of foreign publications in the United States, such as bookdealers in New York and elsewhere.

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